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Official meetings

Monday, 17 November 2003

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4859th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security: HIV/AIDS and international peacekeeping operations

3 p.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Other matters

General Assembly

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The second meeting of the Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (agenda item 55) will be held on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (see p. 9).

General Committee

An informal briefing to hear Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, on United Nations staff security, will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. *[Open to all delegations]*

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Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

10.30 a.m.[1] 247th meeting (closed) Conference Room 7

[1] The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members States of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. 62nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections [16]

   (a) Election of forty-three members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [16 (a)]

   (b) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/58/552) [16 (c)]

2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: draft resolution (A/58/L.15) [20]

Main Committees

Second Committee

3 p.m. 35th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

   (g) Commodities

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.38

2. Globalization and interdependence [100]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.41 and A/C.2/58/L.42

3. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.36**

4. Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development [104]

   (a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

   (b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.39 and A/C.2/58/L.40

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Henri Raubenheimer (South Africa) on: A/C.2/58/L.38 (item 91 (g)); A/C.2/58/L.41 and A/C.2/58/L.42 (item 100); A/C.2/58/L.39 and A/C.2/58/L.40 (item 104)

[1] Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Second Committee.

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 47th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3 p.m. 48th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions . . . . . [117]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/58/118, A/58/118/Corr.1, A/58/121, A/58/181, A/58/181/Add.1, A/58/185, A/58/185/Add.1, A/58/185/Add.2, A/58/186, A/58/212, A/58/255, A/58/257, A/58/261, A/58/266, A/58/268, A/58/275, A/58/276, A/58/276/Add.1, A/58/279, A/58/296, A/58/309, A/58/317, A/58/318, A/58/330, A/58/380, A/58/533 and A/C.3/58/9)

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/58/219, A/58/448, A/58/127, A/58/427, A/58/379, A/58/334, A/58/218, A/58/338, A/58/534, A/58/325, A/58/393, A/58/421 and A/C.3/58/6)

   (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/36)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [106]

   Introduction of document A/C.3/58/L.48 (amendment to draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2)

3. Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the family . . . . . [117 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.46 and A/C.3/58/L.47

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m. 19th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/58/381, A/58/447 and A/58/447/Corr.1) . . . . . [138]

2. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (A/58/192, A/58/192/Add.1 and A/58/409) . . . . . [140]

3. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [143]

   (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (A/58/386 and A/58/441)

4. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [134]

   Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/58/559)

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 138 (Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/58/381, A/58/447 and A/58/447/Corr.1)); 140 (Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (A/58/192, A/58/192/Add.1 and A/58/409)); and 143 (Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation (A/58/386 and A/58/441))

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Part VII: Public Information (A/58/6 (Sect. 28)); Part VIII: Common support services (A/58/6 (Sect. 29), A/58/6 (Sect. 29A), A/58/6 (Sect. 29B), A/58/6 (Sect. 29C), A/58/6 (Sect. 29D), A/58/6 (Sect. 29E), A/58/6 (Sect. 29F), A/58/6 (Sect. 29G)); Part IX: Internal oversight (A/58/6 (Sect. 30)); Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses (A/58/6 (Sect. 31), A/58/6 (Sect. 32)); Part XI: Capital expenditures (A/58/6 (Sect. 33)); Part XII: Staff assessment (A/58/6 (Sect. 34)); and Part XIII: Development Account (A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6 (Income sect. 1), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/16))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 19th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Second performance report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2002-2003

2. Second performance report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2002-2003

3. Executive session: administration and management of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.10 entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room E

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.32 entitled "International Trade and Development"; and A/C.2/58/L.33 entitled "Unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries" (agenda item 91 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9 entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and Outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Islamic Republic of Iran)

12 noon–2.45 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room E

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.22 entitled "Sustainable development in mountain regions" (agenda item 94 (g)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

1–2.45 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.27 entitled "Women in development" (agenda item 93(a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

1.30–3 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.16 entitled "Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the special needs of landlocked developing countries with a new global framework for transit transport cooperation for landlocked and transit developing countries" (agenda sub-items 91 (c) and (f)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia)

2–3 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.24 entitled "Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries" (agenda item 97 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Islamic Republic of Iran)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.2 entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

3–5 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.7 entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa"; and A/C.2/58/L.15 entitled "International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2004" (agenda item 94 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.23 entitled "Public administration and development" (agenda item 12) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25 entitled "Natural disasters and vulnerability" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.8 entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Czech Republic)

5–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Monday, 17 November 2003

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: environment and sustainable development)*

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: draft resolution on financing for development)*

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: draft resolution on the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Comprehensive Implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (agenda item 115 (b)))*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(of Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

United Nations Development Programme *(second informal consultation on the Human Development Report 2004)*

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

11 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The right to development" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement))

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the role of the United Nations and enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization" (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

1.30–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled " World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Comprehensive Implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures)

There will a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures) on Monday, 17 November 2003, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room A. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

UNICEF/WHO briefing

There will be a briefing by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on "Latest Developments in the Global Effort to Eliminate Polio" on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Lebohang Moleko, Permanent Representative of Lesotho. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 17 November 2003

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon — Dr. David Heymann, Representative of the Director-General for Polio Eradication, World Health Organization; and Mr. Kul Gautam, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund (on the latest developments in the global effort to eliminate polio)

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 18 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

10 a.m. — 2nd meeting (closed) — Conference Room 3

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly (agenda item 55) [A second Informal Note (Annex I) and Elements for consideration for a working text on revitalization of the General Assembly (Annex II) by the President of the General Assembly were faxed to all missions on Friday, 14 November 2003.]

Fifth Committee — The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday 18 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Rewaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Security Council

Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

There will be a meeting of the Security Council Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html). Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* from 18 to 21 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 18 and 26 November 2003, in Conference Room 9; 2 December, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

There will be meetings of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and on Wednesday, 19 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

United Nations Development Programme

There will be an informal consultation on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2004-2007 on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled " World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Comprehensive Implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled " World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Comprehensive Implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco, will be held on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in *Conference Room 3*; and on Friday, 21 November, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the group of ambassadors of member countries of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Symposium on population and development

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS", organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org]

Panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees"

There will be a panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees", co-sponsored by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CONGO) and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 986-8557]

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend. This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

United Nations Office for Project Services

There will be an informal consultation on various issues contained in Executive Board decisions 2003/26 and 2003/27, on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Main Conference Room (4th floor) at UNOPS Headquarters.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Friday, 14 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

24th meeting

Organization of work

The Acting Chairperson made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Zambia, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, Switzerland, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Lebanon.

The Acting Chairperson made a statement and suspended the meeting.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [83]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.9/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.10, A/C.4/58/L.11, A/C.4/58/L.12, A/C.4/58/L.13, A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.15 and A/C.4/58/L.16

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the Committee decided, as proposed by the representative of Egypt, to take action first on draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.10, A/C.4/58/L.11, A/C.4/58/L.12, A/C.4/58/L.13, A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.15 and A/C.4/58/L.16.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolutions contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Indonesia introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.10, A/C.4/58/L.12, A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1 and A/C.4/58/L.15, as well as oral revisions to A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1, and stated that the co-sponsors did not insist on a vote on A/C.4/58/L.13 and A/C.4/58/L.16. He also indicated, on behalf of the non-European co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.11, that they did not insist on a vote on that draft resolution.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement and withdrew draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.11.

The representative of the United States orally revised draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.9/Rev.1 and informed the Committee of the additional co-sponsors.

Albania, Croatia and the Federated States of Micronesia also joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.9/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Palau and Uganda.

The representative of Jordan withdrew draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.22.

The representative of Italy (on behalf of European Union) made a statement.

The Acting Chairperson announced the additional co-sponsors of draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.10 and A/C.4/58/L.15.

Liechtenstein, Iceland, Croatia and Guinea also joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.10.

The Acting Chairperson also announced that the Comoros, Indonesia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Sudan had become co-sponsors of draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.12 and A/C.4/58/L.15.

Guinea joined in sponsoring draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.12 and A/C.4/58/L.15.

The Acting Chairperson announced that Mauritania and Mali had become co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1.

The representative of Jordan (on behalf of the Arab Group) made a statement.

Statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Thailand.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.10

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.10, by a recorded vote of 159 to 1, with 8 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.12

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.12 by a recorded vote of 156 to 5, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1

The representative of Indonesia made a statement on a point of order.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 150 to 5, with 11 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.15

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.15, by a recorded vote of 153 to 5, with 9 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.9/Rev.1

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.9/Rev.1, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 109 to none, with 54 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representatives of Israel and Peru.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 83.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . . [84]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.17, A/C.4/58/L.18, A/C.4/58/L.19/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.20/Rev.1 and A/C.4/58/L.21

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement on programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.17.

The representative of Cuba introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.17, A/C.4/58/L.18, A/C.4/58/L.19, A/C.4/58/L.20 and A/C.4/58/L.21, including oral revisions to A/C.4/58/L.18 and A/C.4/58/L.19.

The Acting Chairperson announced that Guinea had become co-sponsors of draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.17, *A/C.4/58/L.18, A/C.4/58/L.19/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.20/Rev.1* and *A/C.4/58/L.21*, inclusive.

The Acting Chairperson further announced that Mali had become co-sponsor of draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.17, A/C.4/58/L.18, A/C.4/58/L.19/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.20/Rev.1 and A/C.4/58/L.21, inclusive.

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.17

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.17, by a recorded vote of 85 to 7, with 73 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.18

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.18, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 155 to 6, with 7 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.19/Rev.1

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.19/Rev.1, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 149 to 7, with 12 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.20/Rev.1

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.20/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 141 to 7, with 19 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.21

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.21, by a recorded vote of 155 to 3, with 11 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), United Kingdom, Uruguay and Australia.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 84.

Organization of work

The Acting Chairperson then adjourned the Committee on the understanding that it would meet in 2004 to take up the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, under agenda item 85, and later to elect the Chair of the Committee for the fifty-ninth session.

Third Committee

45th meeting

Human rights questions . . . . . [117]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee resumed its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Committee continued its general discussion on the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Algeria, China, Australia, India, Mexico, New Zealand, Mali, Tunisia, the Sudan, Norway, Switzerland, Israel, Cuba, and Pakistan.

The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization also made a statement.

Right of reply

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items 117 (b), (c) and (e) was Monday, 17 November, at 6 p.m.

46th meeting *Human rights questions* . . . . . [117]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion on the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Jamaica, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, the Republic of Korea, Serbia and Montenegro, Qatar, Thailand, Mongolia and Eritrea.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The observer for the Holy See also made a statement.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Friday, 14 November 2003

38th–39th meetings *Consideration of reports* . . . . . [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Guatemala (E/1990/6/Add.34 and E/1990/6/Add.34/Rev.1). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Ireland (14 November 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004

The Secretary-General will lead the launch in New York of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004. The event, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will take place on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4. The theme of this year's launch is "Hear Our Voices". Mr. Jan Egeland, Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, as well as the President of the Security Council, will address the gathering.

Other launch events will be held on Wednesday, 19 November, in six other donor capitals – Geneva, Brussels, Copenhagen, Ottawa, Washington and Dublin – as well as locally in each affected country for which there is an appeal.

These events will focus on the role of the international community in meeting the urgent humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable of the world's population. The countries and regions for which the humanitarian community will appeal for support in 2004 are: Angola, Burundi, Central Africa Republic, Chechnya and neighbouring Republics (Russian Federation), Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Great Lakes Region, Guinea, Liberia, occupied Palestinian territory, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Southern Africa Region, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe, West Africa and Zimbabwe.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO will be "Town Hall Meeting on the Theme of the Fifty-seventh DPI/NGO Annual Conference". The Briefing will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sierra Leone
H.E. Mr. Joe Robert Pemagbi

Asian States:
Philippines
H.E. Mr. Lauro Baja, Jr.

Eastern European States:
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Mr. Dimce Nikolov
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Cuba
H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla

Western European and other States:
Finland
H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi

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www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 14 November 2003.

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A/58/PV.16	Meeting held on 29 September 2003, 3 p.m. [F]
A/58/PV.36	Meeting held on 17 October 2003, 3 p.m. [E]

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A/58/548	Item 44 — Culture of peace — Letter dated 31 October 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/58/549	Item 29 — Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba — Letter dated 31 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/550	Item 131 — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Revised estimates arising in respect of Security Council resolution 1512 (2003) on the establishment of five additional ad litem judges in the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/556	Item 121 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Plans for three additional conference rooms and viable solutions for allowing natural light into the rooms — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/567	Item 94 (d) — Environment and sustainable development: further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Draft provisional rules of procedure of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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	Third Committee
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A/C.3/58/8	Items 110 and 117 (a) — Advancement of women — Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments — Letter dated 4 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/58/L.30/Rev.1*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/58/L.48	Item 106 — Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family — 60 Power amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2 — Preparations for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/58/INF/1	Membership of the Third Committee [A C E F R S (Multilingual)]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/58/L.15	Item 166 — Admission of the International Criminal Court to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2003/1041	Letter dated 23 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1073	Identical letters dated 4 November 2003 from the representatives of Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1077	Letter dated 10 November 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1078	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (for the period from 21 May to 10 November 2003) [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1080	Letter dated 11 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1081	Letter dated 12 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1082	Letter dated 12 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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S/Agenda/4858	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
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